

IN THE DRAWINGS:

The attached drawing sheet includes requested changes marked in red to Fig. 4. Also enclosed is a replacement sheet that includes Fig. 4, and replaces the original sheet including Fig. 4. Numerical reference 11a is added to the figure.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet (1)
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes (1)

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the abstract with the following abstract:

~~There are provided a plurality of pressing members (2) provided in the radial state with the tips oriented to a central axis (O) of a substrate (1) capable of moving back and forth the tips to and from the central axis (O) on a prespecified plane; a rotational body (3) rotatably provided on the substrate (1) around the central axis (O); and driven units (25, 32) for moving forward tips of the pressing members (2) toward the central axis (O) in association with rotation of the rotational body (3) to apply force to the ring with the tips of the pressing members (2) from outside of the ring. In this state, force is applied to the ring with the tips moving forward from outside of the ring. Furthermore, hooking units (16, 26) for hooking the ring on the tips are provided. In addition, a holding unit (7) is provided for positioning and holding a mounting body against the central axis (O).~~

A ring compression device includes a non-rotatable substrate having a central axis. A plurality of longitudinal pressing members arranged radially around the central axis in a plane. One ends of the pressing members point toward the central axis. The pressing members can move toward or away from the central axis in the plane. A rotating body rotates around the central axis and parallel to the plane of the pressing members. A driving mechanism engages with the rotating body and the pressing members such that when the rotating body rotates all of the pressing members move toward the central axis and apply force on a periphery of the ring.

REMARKS

The specification, drawings, claims and abstract have been amended for further clarity and/or in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter to which the applicants regard as their invention.

The above amendments are believed to place the specification, drawings, claims and abstract in proper condition for examination. Early and favorable action is awaited.

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